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Spring is finally here, and it won't be long before we are complaining about having to mow the lawn! We certainly hope all are having a great year so far, and wish the best for the time to come. The Division of Fire Standards and Training remains busy, and we certainly appreciate the support the fire service has given us.

- 1) House Bill 1145, limiting the liability for fire instructors, has passed the House of Representatives and is now being reviewed by the State Senate. The Bill provides limited liability to those instructors who teach for fire departments and mutual aid groups. Volunteers and state employees (Staff Instructors) already have limited liability in the state laws.
- 2) The Fire Instructor I pilots have been completed and evaluations have been reviewed. We hope the Commission will approve this program at their next meeting. Watch for postings for this program if you desire to become a fire instructor.
- 3) Our office has been making efforts to attend mutual aid meetings. We want to update our constituents about what is going on regarding fire training around the state. We are also reinforcing our desire to acquire funds for enhanced field training.
- 4) Speaking of field training, we are just completing the third Department of Justice grant Firefighter I program. We will have nearly 70 certified firefighters when they are finished, at no cost to the participants or host fire departments. We will seek additional funding for more courses in the field.
- 5) We now have a listserve, which is a method of group emailing to people who subscribe. We will be issuing timely issues through this listserve, and we will assure that it is not over used. To subscribe, simply send an empty message to: [fst-news-subscribe@webster.state.nh.us](mailto:fst-news-subscribe@webster.state.nh.us) and in the subject line simply type: subscribe. You will receive an automatic message within minutes telling you that you are on the list.

Well that about wraps it up for now; be sure to stay safe in all your emergency responses and during training exercises.

Respectfully,

Rick Mason

## NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE FIREFIGHTERS

Subscriptions to the bi-monthly Newsletter are available to NH Firefighters at no charge simply by completing the request below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Fire Dept. Affiliation: Full Time Career (over \$10,000 Annually?): Yes ( ) No ( )

Primary Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education: High School ( ) College 2 yrs. ( ) College 4 yrs. ( ) Post Grad. ( )

Levels of Certification:

FF I ( ) FF Career ( ) FF 2 ( ) FF 3 ( ) D/O ( ) 1st Resp. ( ) EMT ( ) B ( ) A ( ) I ( )

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

EMS: \_\_\_\_\_

State Instructor: Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, certified courses taught in the last year:

Title	Location	Cref # (if available)	Dates	Hours

Submit Completed Subscription Request Forms To:

Newsletter Request  
New Hampshire Fire Academy  
10 Hazen Drive  
Concord NH 03305

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Weds. of each month (except July-Aug.)

NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m. .... NHFA

2nd Thurs. of each month .....

Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;  
preregistration required by 1st of month ..... NHFA

Thurs.-Fri. .... May 11-12 .....

Vermont Career Fire Chiefs' Association 2000 Seminar ..... Lake Morey Inn  
Fairlee, VT

Sun.-Sat. .... May 14-20 .....

National EMS Week

Weds. .... May 17 .....

NH Federation of Fire Mutual Aid Association Meeting, 1900 hours ... Lakes Region

Sat.-Mon. .... June 24-26 .....

New England Association of Fire Chiefs 78th Annual  
Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo and Conference ..... Eastern States  
Exposition

Mon.-Fri. .... Sept. 11-15 .....

2000 Statewide Entrance Exam ..... NHFA

Weds. .... October 4 .....

NH Fire Service Committee of Merit Awards Ceremony ..... NHFA

**FIRE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

**FIRE OFFICER PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

**FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS:**

Mon.-Fri. .... Mar. 27-June 9 ...

Recruit School ..... NHFA

Mar. 27-May 5 ....

Firefighter I

May 8-26 .....

Firefighter II

May 30-June 9 ...

Career Module

Mon.&Weds. June 12-Aug. 30

Firefighter II Evening Program ..... NHFA

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

**INDUSTRIAL TRAINING:**

Weds.-Thurs. June 7-8 .....

Basic Emergency Medical Training for Industry ..... NHFA

**NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS:**

Sat.-Sun. .... Sept. 16-17 .....

NFA Managing in a Changing Environment ..... NHFA

**SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:**

Sun.-Sat. .... May 14-20 .....

Rescue Systems I ..... NHFA

Sun.-Fri. .... June 25-30 .....

Fire Explorer Academy ..... NHFA

**TERRORISM PROGRAMS:** Watch for future listings

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### TESTS/RETESTS SCHEDULE FOR FIRE ACADEMY

The New Hampshire Fire Academy holds tests and retests the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. Anyone needing to test or retest any written or practical examination may register by contacting his/her District Secretary at 271-2661 or 1-800-371-4503 as follows:

Dale Boyd: Hillsborough, Cheshire, Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Coos counties, as well as NHCTC students who attended before May 1, 2000.

Stacey DeVol: Rockingham, Sullivan, Merrimack, or Strafford counties.

Wanda Botticello: NHCTC students who attend after May 1, 2000, and all students who attend programs at the Fire Academy.

You must register by the 1st of each month for that month's testing. If you try to register after the 1st, you may have to wait for the next month's testing.

Any required fees must be paid prior to the start of the testing, and must be paid by check or money order-no cash will be accepted.

## GENERAL ADMISSION APPLICATION

New features to be noted are:

- If you have any questions while completing an Application, please take the time to call us toll free at 1-800-371-4503 to be sure your Application will be accepted and will not have to be returned to you.

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## Granite State Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team

"A critical incident is any situation faced by emergency service personnel that causes them to experience unusually strong emotional reactions which have the potential to interfere with their ability to function either at the scene or later." - DR JEFFREY MITCHELL, Ph.D.

### Who Is The Granite State C.I.S.D. Network?

We are an organization made up of specially trained people who work in E.M.S., Police, Fire, Rescue, and Hospitals. Every member of the C.I.S.D. Network volunteers his or her time. We are dedicated to supporting our colleagues before, during, and most of all after a critical incident.

### What Do We Do?

We provide you and your organization with information about Critical Incident Stress, its effects and potential impact on your life and job performance. These sessions are most effective if they are conducted before an incident happens.

### Where Do We Go?

Our organization is made up of more than 40 people around the state, many whom you probably know. This widespread membership allows us to come to you, at your facility, when you need us.

### When Should You Call Us?

You should set up an educational session during your regular training schedule. Our presentation will normally last about an hour to an hour and a half. We also provide three other support services:

1. On or Near Scene Support: If requested, team members can arrive at the scene to watch for signs of acute stress in responders and work with the Incident Commander to support these personnel as necessary.
2. Informal Defusing: This usually takes place within a few hours of the incident and is an informational session for those directly involved in the incident.
3. Debriefing: This is conducted within 24-72 hours after the incident. A debriefing is a confidential session which does not critique the incident nor evaluate the responders. The primary focus of a debriefing is to allow those involved to talk about their thoughts and reactions to a stressful incident. Examples of critical incidents would include:
  - \* death of a coworker in the line of duty
  - \* serious injury of a coworker in the line of duty
  - \* prolonged rescue or recovery operations

- \* death of a child
- \* mass casualty incidents
- \* operations with intense media coverage
- \* ANY incident with high emotional impact on responders

### Why Should You Call Us?

We are here to help you deal with the extraordinary event(s) that will happen to all of us at some time in our careers. The goal of our organization is to try to prevent members of our profession(s) from dropping out because of an overload of one time stress or the buildup of a number of stressful events.

Remember that what may not be stressful for one person may be very stressful for another.

When the Team Leader calls you back, these are things you will be asked when you call for team response:

- \* Your name and telephone number
- \* Your agency name and address and telephone number
- \* The perceived urgency of the situation from immediate intervention or a formal debriefing

### How Should You Contact Us?

We are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by contacting St. Joseph Hospital Answering Service and asking for the C.I.S.D. person on call to be paged. We will do our best to answer your call within 30 minutes. The number to call for assistance during or after an event (24 hours) or to schedule an educational session is:

(603) 595-3792 or Mark Proulx 596-4321 (beeper)

During or after an event, please call 24 hours a day. To schedule an educational session, call 594-3658 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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### Granite State Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team

14 Alpine Street, Manchester, NH 03102

#### EMERGENCY

Answering Service  
(603) 595-3792

#### OTHER INFORMATION

NASHUA FIRE RESCUE  
(603) 881-9611  
1-800-266-8545

## NH Division of Emergency Medical Services News

The Division of EMS now has a New Hampshire Toll-free Number: **1-888-827-5367** connects the caller to the Division office at the Fire Academy.

**Office Address:** N.H. Division of EMS, N.H. Fire Academy, Route 106-South, Concord, N.H.  
603-271-4568 • 603-271-4567 (FAX) • NH: 1-888-827-5367 • Mon.-Fri. 8:00am -4:30pm

**Mail Address:** N.H. Division of EMS, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03305-0003

**Division Office Staff:** Marty Singer, Director ..... (603)-271-4569  
Bill Wood, EMS Coordinator ..... (603)-271-4615  
Tom Hettinger, Data Manager ..... (603)-271-0322  
Tammy Fortier, Licensing Coord. .... (603)-271-7048  
Lenny Deane, Training Coord. .... (603)-271-4565  
Sue Prentiss, Trauma Coordinator ..... (603)-271-7046

**Regional Offices:** EMS Region I-Claremont ..... (603)-542-1863 • (603)-542-3533 (FAX)  
EMS Region II-Manchester ..... (603)-668-8420 • (603)-645-1709 (FAX)  
Seacoast EMS Region III-Epping ..... (603)-679-5814 • (603)-679-3000 (FAX)  
Northern NH EMS Region V-Berlin ..... (603)-752-7531 • (603)-752-5103 (FAX)

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### ***N.H.EMS Medical Control Board:***

\*Douglas McVicar, MD has been selected as Chairman of the N.H. EMS Medical Control Board to succeed the late Dr. David Connor. Dr. McVicar is a long-time E.D. physician with Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth and has served as the hospital's Emergency Department Director and EMS Medical Director. He has also been actively involved in the Central N.H. EMS Council as the Region's EMS Medical Director and serves on the N.H. EMS Medical & Trauma Services Coordinating Board representing the N.H. Medical Society.

\*Donavon Albertson, MD has been selected as the Vice Chairman of the N.H. EMS Medical Control Board. Dr. Albertson is the Emergency Department & EMS Medical Director for Portsmouth Regional Hospital. He also continues to be an active member of the Seacoast EMS Regional Council.

\*The Board also welcomes the addition of the following physicians:

William Siegart, DO, E.D. physician at Southern N.H. Medical Center in Nashua and representing the Southern N.H. EMS Region II Council.

Patrick Lanzetta, MD, E.D. physician at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester and Medical Director for the Paramedic program at the N.H. Technical Institute in Concord.

Russell Kay, MD, E.D. physician at Concord Hospital and Medical Director for the Concord Fire Department.

William Sutton, M.D., Chief of Surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, who succeeds Dr. David Mooney, representing the N.H. Medical Review Committee.

Joseph Sabato, M.D., E.D. & EMS Medical Director at Parkland Medical Center in Derry and representing the Southern N.H. EMS Region II Council.

\*These physicians join the current Board members which include:

Norman Yanofsky, MD, E.D. & EMS Medical Director at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

Joseph Mastromarino, MD, E.D. physician and EMS Medical Director at Exeter Hospital.

Frank Hubbell, DO, representing Northern N.H. EMS Region V.

Martin Singer, Director, N.H. Division of EMS

### **NH Explorer Training Academy**

**JUNE 25-30, 2000**

**at the RICHARD M. FLYNN FIRE ACADEMY**

**222 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH**

Again this year, there will be a New Hampshire Explorer Training Academy which will run from June 25 through June 30.

In the past, we have had many wonderful and great instructors lend us a helping hand in the teaching department. We have scheduled the following classes for this year: Building Construction, Emergency First Care, Fire Behavior, Fire Cause & Prevention, Forcible Entry, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hose for three days, Personnel & Equipment, Rescue & Extrication, Ropes & Knots, Salvage & Overhaul, SCBA for three days, and Tools.

If you are interested in attending, please call Mark T. Lemay at 623-8409.

## WELCOME TO ALL !!

\* May 1 - 5, 2000 the Division of EMS and the N.H. Fire Academy will be hosting a week long seminar on "Weapons of Mass Destruction" involving EMS responses to acts of terrorism. Contact the Division of EMS for preregistration details.

\* May 14 - 20, 2000 is National EMS Week. Any EMS Units planning educational and/or recognition activities during that week please advise the Division of EMS.

\* Tom Hettinger, our Data Coordinator, continues to direct the development of an electronic component for the Division's "Patient Care Record" (PCR) document.

Selected site testing has been accomplished, on-going cooperative efforts with the Fire Marshal's office are underway to integrate fire and EMS incident data, as well as patient data from other public health and safety agencies.

\* Reminder: N.H. EMS provider personnel whose National Registry of EMT's 2-year certification expired March 31, 2000 must relicense with the Division of EMS by completing the following process:

- \* complete 1-page "N.H. EMS Provider" application
- \* obtain EMS Unit Head sign-off
- \* attach legible photocopies of new NREMT wallet card and current Healthcare provider CPR card
- \* send to the Division of EMS

Current licensure is required to serve as an EMS Unit provider.

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## 2000 Statewide Entrance Exam

*September 11-15, 2000*

## TEST 2000

The New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training will be accepting applications from individuals interested in taking the New Hampshire Statewide Entrance Examination for Firefighters. This exam process complies with the New Hampshire requirements for Entry-Level Career Firefighter testing. This test will establish a statewide listing of eligible candidates who communities may consider for Entry-Level Firefighter positions when available. The following departments (subject to change) have participated in the past:

Allenstown	Derry	Gilmanton	Hudson	North Hampton	Rye
Barnstead	Durham	Goffstown	Keene	Pelham	Salem
Bedford	East Derry	Gorham	Laconia	Portsmouth	Seabrook
Belmont	Epsom	Hampton	Loudon	Raymond	Seabrook Station
Berlin	Exeter	Hanover	Merrimack	Rindge	Somersworth
Claremont	Franklin	Hooksett	Newington	Rochester	Wolfeboro
Concord	Gilford	Hopkinton	Newport		

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, and a valid photo driver's license. A nonrefundable administration fee of \$45.00 must accompany each application. The testing process includes a written, general knowledge examination and a noncontinuous physical ability test delivered on one day, and a continuous physical ability test on a second day, for a total candidate commitment of two days. All testing will be completed at the New Hampshire Fire Academy located at 222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord, NH. Candidates will be assigned testing dates after their application packets have been accepted. It is strongly recommended that you schedule your physical exam as soon as possible. The application packet contains all necessary forms and instructions for the testing candidate and may be obtained by written request only starting June 9, directed to:

New Hampshire Fire Academy  
Entrance Testing  
10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305

The Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training is an AA/EEO employer.

***Applications will be accepted from June 9 to August 4, 2000.***

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# NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

## *News & Notes*



### Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

- 1) Senate Bill 336 relative to issuing fire permits has been recommended by the Senate as ought to pass, and voted 12-0 as ought to pass by House CJ&PS committee. By the time you see this we hope that the House & Governor have approved this change. The change is that fire permits will be required for ALL open burning when the ground is NOT covered with snow. The law change will be effective 1/1/2001. Our thanks to the people & organizations that supported this change.
- 2) We have received a "new" synopsis of the DES, Air Resources rules & regulations reference to open burning. These will be available at the W/DW training and Warden Association meetings. The synopsis will hopefully clarify some definitions & challenges we face with open burning issues statewide.
- 3) Kearsarge Fire Tower is due for renovation in June-July 2000 and will be out-of-service during the demolition/reconstruction phase. Our maintenance crew will be tearing off the old wooden tower cab & flooring and replacing with a new wooden structure of the same size. We hope for calm winds during this process. We held a public info meeting on this matter at Wilmot VFD last year.
- 4) Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants- This 50/50 cost share money will be available (approx. \$20,000.00) this year. This is the combined total of 1999-2000 VFA money (the old RCFP program). This money is available to any community with a population of 10,000 or less. The grant applications will be mailed in mid April.
- 5) We currently have fire tower vacancies at Mt Cardigan, Mt Belknap, Croydon Peak and Milan Hill. If you know of responsible people that know radio communications, can read maps, be conscious of public relations & can work alone, we're interested in getting them to apply for these key positions. The tower personnel work 40 hrs/week, start at \$8.82/hr., work April - Nov. We're looking for good quality people!!
- 6) Warden/Deputy Warden training- We had a successful weekend at the Fire Academy and are currently scheduling district training sessions. The following are currently scheduled: Thursday 5/18 - at Cannon Mountain; Thursday 5/25 at King Pine, Madison and Thursday 6/1 at the Balsams, 9:30-2pm at these 3 sessions. This training will combine maps, compass, fireline construction, fire location and pumps & water handling. We'll be getting out more info on ALL future training.
- 7) The Forest Rangers are getting new uniforms, hopefully in place by April 1, 2000, see if you can spot the nuances.

## NOTICE

### **"2000" North American Emergency Response Guidebooks**

*(Orange DOT Guidebooks)*

**AVAILABLE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
THROUGH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE ACADEMY**

***For more info and to request them call:***

**Jim Litevich or David Jones  
at 1-800-371-4503 or 271-2661**



## Entrance Requirements For Full-time Firefighters, New Hires And Transfers

*By Rick Mason*

There has been some confusion lately regarding the standards that need to be met by full-time firefighters, as they are being hired around the state. All employers need to comply with section Fire 701.01 of the Administrative Rules, regardless of whether the new hire is already a full-time firefighter in the state or whether he/she is being hired for the first time. This section requires:

- \* the candidate be at least 18 years of age,
- \* have a high school education or GED, and,
- \* shall not have been convicted of a felony.
- \* a thorough background investigation be completed (including criminal and motor vehicle),
- \* receive authorization for the physical ability test from a physician,
- \* compete the physical ability test within the time parameters (section Fire 702),
- \* pass a pre-placement medical evaluation,
- \* pass a written examination, and,
- \* pass an oral interview process.

The training requirements vary for those individuals who are transferring from one department to another as a full-time firefighter. All new hires need to acquire the Firefighter II certification (curriculum approved in 1996) within one-year of employment to remain a full-time firefighter; however, up to a one-year extension may be granted for extenuating circumstances. For firefighters transferring, the training required depends upon the date of "original" hire as a full-time firefighter in the state:

- \* Hired prior to July 1, 1982, there is no level of certification required.
- \* Hired between July 1, 1982 and December 31, 1998, the Firefighter Career Level Certification is mandated from the curriculum in place at the time of employment.
- \* Hired between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999, the "old" Firefighter Career Level Certification or the "new" Firefighter II Certification is required, from the curriculum in place at the time of employment.
- \* Hired after January 1, 2000 the Firefighter II Certification is mandated, from the curriculum in place at the time of employment.

We realize this issue has caused some confusion; hopefully, this explanation will resolve the issues. For more information, please contact me at 1-800-371-4503 or [rmason@nhsafetyfire.mv.com](mailto:rmason@nhsafetyfire.mv.com).

### New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission Members

#### REPRESENTING:

<i>Commissioner of Education</i> <b>Dr. G. William Porter</b>	<i>Professional Firefighters of NH - IAFF</i> <b>David Duquette</b>	<i>NH Permanent Firemen's Association</i> <b>Karl J. Berardi</b>
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<i>NH Fire Chiefs Association - Volunteer</i> <b>Harold Harbour</b>	<i>NH Municipal Association</i> <b>Peter Russell</b>	<b>Richard A. Mason</b>

## ONLY IN A CALIFORNIA FIRE

*By The Old Man*

There is a story - tale - legend (pick one) that has been told on Western fires in years past. Some Granite State firefighters may well have heard it from California Division of Forestry (CDF) hot shots in a chow line.

It happened in a California forest-Angelus - El Dorado - Shasta/Trinity (pick one). The fire burned 200 - 2,000 - 200,000 (pick one) acres. It was fought by out-of-staters, hot shots, ground pounders, and aircraft. The battle waged for days - weeks - months (pick one).

Now it is a bit difficult to pinpoint exactly where the incident took place and who first recounted it; but that is not important as countless firefighters can repeat it even though they are a bit foggy as to who told them. It is a true story, however, proof being in the impeccable honesty of firefighters in general.

Anyway, so the story - tale - legend goes, a mop-up crew was working line on a steep hillside. Here and there dispersed amongst the black were splotches of green where waterdrops had killed the fire and splotches of orange where slurry had blocked its progress. A ground pounder ,stepping in to the green for personal reasons, came upon a startling sight! Lying flatter than a frog on the freeway with its hopper busted was a gleaming black apparatus with a yellow tank on its back. Closer inspection revealed a fully clad (albeit) compressed scuba diver!

After the obligatory investigation, a consensus was reached that our diver had been picked up in a chopper bucket or ingested up by the super scooper, later to be dumped on the hillside slightly out of his element.

The conclusion was aided by certain eyewitnesses who had (1) seen a terrified frogman paddling hard to exit the path of a chopper or the scooper, (2) had witnessed a terrified frogman peering over the edge of a bucket, and/or (3) had seen flapping fins dangling from the underside of a scooper.

Now scoffers might note that a chopper hovers to lower its bucket and scooper intake fins are mighty small. However, numerous (if unidentified) on-lookers have had their stories recounted. And a recent aeronautical magazine has reprinted the story.

Another saga of wildland firefighters.

Do you believe it? I do, for anything can and does happen in California, the land of fruits and nuts.

### **GOODSON TESTING & SERVICES LLC**

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**147 Old Richmond Rd.**  
**Swanzy, NH 03446**  
**603-352-7948**  
**603-352-3754 (fax)**

**Harry E. Nelson**  
**11 Glebe Rd.**  
**Westmoreland, NH 03467**  
**603-399-4328**  
**[hnelson@cheshire.net](mailto:hnelson@cheshire.net)**

### **Fire Apparatus Pump Testing**

**SERVICE AND ACCEPTANCE TESTS TO MEET  
NFPA AND ISO STANDARDS**

**New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit**

Division of Fire Standards and Training

10 Hazen Drive

Concord, New Hampshire 03305-0002

**Annual New Hampshire Fire Service Award Program**

The New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit announces its Annual New Hampshire Fire Service Awards Program, and again requests the support of all fire service personnel in recognizing outstanding acts of courage by career, call and volunteer fire service personnel of New Hampshire.

This program was initiated in 1986, after the death of Concord Dispatcher Paul Sypek. In his estate, Paul left the original funding and designated a committee to carry out the plan for this recognition. The first annual award ceremony was held in 1987 and, since then, many New Hampshire fire service personnel have been given awards for their heroic actions.

**We Need Your Input Now!**

There are many fire service personnel throughout the State who have performed courageous acts which should be recognized. Any events occurring between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1999 are eligible at this time for presentation at our next awards ceremony on October 4, 2000.

**Nomination Procedures**

1. A typed letter on proper organization letterhead from (a) Chief of Fire Department or designee; (b) head of a recognized fire service organization or union; (c) Town or City Manager, Mayor, Selectman, etc. The letter is to describe the action and circumstances leading to the action. It must be a detailed report of what happened, including the type of emergency, time of day, date, and a description of conditions which made the event hazardous, dangerous or unusual.
2. Nominee(s)' name, mailing address, home and work telephone, fire department or organization, and rank must be included in the letter.
3. All paid, call, and volunteer firefighters or emergency service personnel are eligible; also, awards may be made posthumously.
4. Include any pertinent newspaper clippings, photographs, or videos, as well as a listing of any other awards the nominee(s) received.
5. **NOTE:** The nomination must include the endorsement of the Chief of Department or Head of the Organization in an attempt to gain greater recognition for the program.

**Deadline:** Must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2000

**Mail to:** NH Fire Service Committee of Merit  
Stacey DeVol, Secretary  
10 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305

**Any Questions:** Contact Rick Mason at 1-800-371-4503 or 271-2661

**Stacey DeVol, Committee Secretary 603.271.2661**

**WATER COUNTRY****EMTs and EMT-1s NEEDED*****Flexible Schedule • Good Pay*****SEND RESUME TO:****Dale Sylvia****96 Mountain Drive, New Durham, NH 03855  
(603) 569-0052**

## SUBMISSIONS

Submissions to The Fire Service News are encouraged. For consideration, articles and photographs should be of interest to New Hampshire firefighters and the greater fire service community. Black & White photographs provide the best clarity. Direct submissions, with appropriate publication releases, to:

**Editor**  
**The Fire Service News**  
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